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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: God of wisdom and love, with the many issues facing the Nation regarding foreign policy, as well as national security and prosperity, Congress, this governing body of the people, by the people, and for the people, is ready to serve.

Send Your light and spirit, Lord, to teach Members the depths of truth in the pursuit of justice. Guide all their actions that the bonds of unity and civility between civilian leadership, military forces and the populace may be strengthened, and in the end, all glory, power and honor be given to Your Holy Name, both now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KIRK led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The Chair will entertain up to 10 one-minutes on each side.

ZARQAWI AND THE WAR ON TERRORISM

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, I have just returned from visiting our troops in Iraq. I have seen the damage Zarqawi inflicted. I visited the areas where Zarqawi lived and terrorized people. And I have met the brave soldiers who ultimately tracked him down and killed him.

I visited Amman, Jordan, where Zarqawi killed 60 people by bombing three hotels. I toured the special operations command center in Iraq with General Stan McCrystal a three-star general in charge of tracking down Zarqawi. All over the walls of the command center were posters of Zarqawi.

I flew in a Black Hawk helicopter around the area of Ba'Qubah where Zarqawi was ultimately located. I also toured Baghdad where Zarqawi intimidated the U.N. by bombing their headquarters and where al-Jazeera TV once broadcast a videotape showing Zarqawi personally beheading an American citizen.

I was with President Bush at the White House on June 7 when he got the message that al Zarqawi had been killed. However one feels about the war in Iraq, realize that our troops deserve our support 100 percent. God knows they have earned it.

AMERICA NEEDS TO LEAVE IRAQ

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, we must get out of Iraq. But getting out of Iraq is not enough, because the same thinking that led us to Iraq, the addiction to war and fear, the misunderstanding of the nature of power, the belief that might makes right can lead us into Iran, into Syria, and put us at odds with Russia and China.

The war on terror has become a war of error. We attacked a nation that did not attack us. By pursuing policies

based on lies, we have separated ourselves from the world. We must reconnect with the world with our hearts as well as our heads, with the intention of preserving not only our security, but future of all humanity.

Getting out of Iraq is not enough. This is a call for a new role for America in the world, a call for America to put aside unilateralism and interventionism, a call for an America which practices cooperation instead of confrontation.

There is a place for American leadership. Leading the way in diplomacy instead of armaments, leading the way in nuclear abolition and climate protection. The world is waiting for an America which leads by example instead of reaction. The world is waiting for an America to rise up with a new commitment to truth and justice, to truth and reconciliation, to truth and compassion.

OUR TROOPS DESERVE OUR THANKS

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday this week I had a chance to go to Walter Reed to see one of my constituents who lost a limb in the fight in Iraq. I saw many of his comrades who were similarly situated, who had lost one, two or three limbs.

What I sensed from them was not only a sense of patriotism, but a love of this country. As we begin the debate today, and I know politics seems to permeate everything, I ask that we first think about those young men and women who have risked so much for this Nation, who have lost so much for this Nation, whose families are by their side today giving them the love and dedication they need to overcome this difficult struggle.

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